THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

W.P. No. 6155 of 2006

Oral order:

The petitioner states that respondent No.1-Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation and Deputy Commissioner of Labour, without issuing any notice to the petitioner passed an award dated 07.01.2006, allowing the claim made by respondent No.2 on account of the death of her husband. It is the grievance of the petitioner that they filed an application dated 06.02.2006 praying to set aside the award, but respondent No.1 so far has not filed any orders thereon fixing the liability of the petitioner, and in the meanwhile, in pursuance of and in implementation of the award, respondent Nos. 1 and 3 are taking steps to recover the amount from the petitioner.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for respondent Noo.1, and having regard to the statement made by the petitioner that no notice whatsoever was issued by respondent No.1 before passing the impugned award, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with the following directions:

Respondent No.1 is directed to consider and dispose of the application dated 06.02.2006, filed by the petitioner seeking to set aside the award, expeditiously. Till the said application is disposed of, respondent Nos. 1 and 3 shall not take any coercive steps for recovery of the amount in pursuance of the award.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission. No costs.

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N.V. RAMANA, J.

Date: 28th March, 2006.

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